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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION
(Foreign Agent Involved)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

AN IMPROVED SUPPORT FOR CHROMOPHORIC ELEMENTS,

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on February 12, 2002 as United States Application Number 10/074,916.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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| <u>0010771</u> | <u>France</u> | <u>21/August/2000</u> |
| (Number) | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) |
| <u>0102645</u> | <u>France</u> | <u>21/August/2001</u> |
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Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C., § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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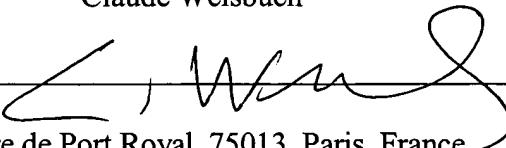
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